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FOUR-POWER TALKS

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SUMMARY: MFA HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT GOS WILL SHORTLY
ASK UN TO PROMOTE FOUR-POWER TALKS AMONG INTERESTED
PARTIES IN SAHARAN DISPUTE. F POLISARIO HAS RELEASED
TWO SPANISH SOLDIERS. GOS HAS PUBLISHED AGREEMENT WITH
MOROCCO SETTING UP PERMANENT INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
FOR ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL
COOPERATION. SPANISH PHOSPHATE COMPANY HAS ANNOUNCED
FIRST POSITIVE BALANCE SHEET OF \$16 MILLION. F POLISARIO
HAS WARNED SPAIN NOT TO BE TAKEN IN BY "GENEROUS OFFERS"
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TO PRESERVE MILITARY BASES IN SAHARA AND PARTICIPATION IN

PROFITS FROM PHOSPHATE EXPLOITATION. END SUMMARY

1. MFA DIRGEN FOR AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN AFFAIRS INFORMED EMBOFF JULY 10 THAT SECOND SPANISH EFFORT TO HOLD FOUR-POWER MEETING JULY 9 IN MADRID HAD COME TO NAUGHT. ALGERIA WAS ONLY COUNTRY TO REPLY AFFIRMATIVELY IN WRITING WHEREAS MOROCCO INFORMED GOS ORALLY OF ITS REFUSAL AND MAURITANIA FAILED TO REPLY TO SPANISH INVITATION. IN CONFORMITY WITH COUNCIL OF MINISTERS DECISION OF MAY 23 AND GOS NOTE DELIVERED TO UNSYG, GOS WOULD SHORTLY ASK UN TO ARRANGE FOR FOUR-POWER TALKS, MFA OFFICIAL SAID.

2. SPANISH RED CROSS PRESIDENT, SRA. BELEN LANDABURU, WAS ON HAND IN ALGIERS JULY 10 TO RECEIVE TWO SPANISH SOLDIERS RELEASED BY F POLISARIO. FOURTEEN OTHER SPANISH SOLDIERS REMAIN IN F POLISARIO HANDS IN ALGERIAN TERRITORY. THREE SAHARAN TRADESMEN WHO HAD BEEN SEIZED IN MAY BE IRREGULAR MOROCCAN FORCES IN SAHARA WHILE ENROUTE FROM TINDUF (ALGERIA) WERE RELEASED JULY 10.

3. REP OF F POLISARIO MADE STATEMENT IN PARIS JULY 7 THAT MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA HAD CONCLUDED AN AGREEMENT TO DIVIDE UP SAHARA AT RABAT SUMMIT IN 1974. HE ASSERTED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO PEACE IN SAHARA WHILE SAHARANS THEMSELVES HAD NOT EXERCISED THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION. HE WENT ON TO WARM SPAIN AGAINST "GENEROUS OFFERS MADE BY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES" TO ALLOW SPAIN TO MAINTAIN MILITARY BASES AND TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN EXPLOITATION OF PHOSPHATES. GOVERNOR TENERAL OF SAHARA, LT.GEN. GOMEZ DE SALAZAR, TOLD CORRESPONDENT OF "LA VANGUARDIA" (INDEPENDENT) JULY 8 THAT F POLISARIO "ALREADY REPRESENTED A LARGE PORTION OF SAHARANS". HE ACKNOWLEDGED HAVING MADE VAIN EFFORT TO CONTACT F POLISARIO FOR PURPOSE OF DRAWING THEM INTO PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY (YEMAA).

4. YEMAA HELD MEETING JULY 7-9 FOR PURPOSE OF PROPOSING NAMES FOR JOINT COMMISSION DESCRIBED BY GENERAL GOMEZ AS "AN IMPORTANT STEP FOR PREPARATION OF THE PEOPLE FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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SELF-GOVT". ASSEMBLY ADOPTED NUMBER OF PROPOSALS WITH RESPECT TO EDUCATION, HYISHING, AND OTHER INTERNAL AFFAIRS, BUT APPARENTLY FAILED TO COME UP WITH NAMES FOR JOINT COMMISSION.

5. FOS BUCRAA (SPANISH COMPANY EXPLOITING PHOSPHATES IN SAHARA) HAS JUST ANNOUNCED THAT IT MADE \$16 MILLION IN 1974, ITS FIRST PROFIT. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS REPORT,

"INTERNATIONAL SUPER PHOSPHATE AND COMPOUND MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION" HAS REPORTED THAT SPANISH SAHARA IS 8TH PRODUCER OF PHOSPHATES IN WORLD BUT WILL MOVE UP TO 4TH PLACE IN 1978 WHEN PRODUCTION IS EXPECTED TO TOTAL SEVEN MILLION TONS ANNUALLY.

6. OFFICIAL BULLETIN PUBLISHED JULY 4 AGREEMENT FIRST INITIALED WITH MOROCCO ON MARCH 1971, FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT INTERGOVERNMENTAL SPANISH/MOROCCAN COMMITTEE DFR ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION.
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